

MINUTES  
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Berglund, Hon, Fowles, Maitland, Powell, Steadman, and Tello

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willey

STAFF PRESENT: Keller, Hirsch, Howe, Mayes, Morris, and Voss

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jane Turley, League of Women Voters

CALL TO ORDER: Berglund called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and requested the agenda be approved.

Maitland/Tello moved and seconded to approve the February 1, 2006 Board of Health agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Berglund requested approval for the minutes of January 4, 2006.

Steadman/Powell moved and seconded the approval for the minutes of January 4, 2006. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bills to be Paid – As of December 31, 2005

Health Department	112-61	\$250,759.19
Dental Sealant	102-61	13,172.11
WIC	103-61	25,314.42
Preventive Health	105-61	6,047.64
Family Case Mngemt	106-61	56,646.18
AIDS/CD Control	107-61	11,417.64

Fowles/Steadman moved and seconded the approval for the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

BOARD EDUCATION: Keller introduced Jan Morris, McLean County Health Department Health Promotion Program Manager. Morris represents the department and the IPLAN implementation task force as part of the group, Smoke-Free Bloomington-Normal. The group is working to educate local leaders on developing stricter controls on secondhand smoke. The coalition was present for the January 17<sup>th</sup> Normal Town Council public input session on the potential of developing a comprehensive smoking ordinance. The Bloomington City Council met in a joint session with the Normal Town Council on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss their options. There will be several other public meetings on the topic, February 6, 2006 there will be a panel discussion at the Normal Theatre at 6:30 p.m. and February 13, 2006 at Bloomington City Hall. Morris also offered the following Website for more information. [www.smokefreeillinois.org/bn](http://www.smokefreeillinois.org/bn). Keller stated that the Health Department had been asked to sign on as a member and support group for the coalition. Keller noted he would sign the acknowledgement barring any objection from the Board. No members had an objection to supporting the efforts of Smoke-Free Bloomington/Normal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayes reported for the Scott Commission, noting that it has almost been a year since the indigent eye program began and it continues to be busy. She also noted that the Commission is working on the upcoming budget.

OLD BUSINESS: Keller requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT – Friends for Life Breast Cancer Education Grant, April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. The \$20,000 requested covers the objectives of the grant which include reaching more rural, African-American, and Hispanic women and promote mammograms after age 40; increase the number of women performing monthly breast self exams; increase yearly medical check-ups; make women aware of breast health issues. The program provides for a combination of educational programs and targeted marketing. The program also refers women for free mammograms through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Grant Program. Maitland noted that she had heard that Western Avenue Community Center was also doing a similar program. Keller explained that the Western Avenue Community Center had applied for a special minority outreach grant intended to reach Latino women. The department wrote a letter of support for the grant. The program will work in cooperation.

Fowles/Hon moved and seconded the approval of the CONTINUING GRANT – Friends for Life Breast Cancer Education Grant, April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007, in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried.

Keller referred members to the information included in the packet on the Mercury-Free Vaccine Act as discussed at the January meeting. The exemption for public health was approved *ex post facto* January 1, 2006 and is good for one year at which time another exemption may be issued. Effective January 1, 2008, the authorization to be exempt will no longer exist with the anticipation that a mercury-free vaccine will exist.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Keller reported that preliminary discussions have begun about the opening of the Coliseum and the shortage of parking. Several ideas have been discussed and more information will be shared as it is known.

6:00 p.m. Tello left.

Keller alerted the Board that on March 8, 2006, several physicians from Russia will be visiting the Department. Dr. John Bertsche had contacted Keller to let him know that several years ago during the last visit the physicians were interested in public health. Keller shared that in Russia the public health system declined significantly with the fall of the Soviet Union. Many public health functions are now handled by physicians. A full day is being planned.

Keller gave an update on the full scale bioterrorism exercise planned on February 18, 2006. As part of the bioterrorism contract requirement the Department is required to hold a full scale exercise prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The exercise will include, staff, volunteers, pharmacists, local police and fire, MRC volunteers, as well as EMA. Keller noted that during the dispensing exercise, we will develop a proxy of out how many individuals can receive medication in a set amount of time.

Keller reported that the State Farm medical director, Dr. Kindred, is interested in discussing a greater level of involvement on the part of State Farm in dealing with public health emergencies.

Hon inquired about MRC. Keller responded that it stands for Medical Reserve Corps. Through the MRC volunteers are trained and assigned to work during emergencies. Volunteers have been recruited from the nursing profession, physicians, pharmacists, social workers, and others.

Keller further explained that beside State Farm, other large employers in the county are interested in looking into becoming satellite dispensing sites for their employees and families. The U.S. Postal Service already has such an arrangement in place. Last year staff participated in a dispensing exercise involving anthrax.

Keller also reported that standing orders in the case of an event will be written by Dr. Whittaker, Illinois Department of Public Health.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Howe reported for Hirsch that the Environmental Health Division's deadline for 2006 Food Permit Fees is February 4, 2006 and there are still two establishments owing with 575 permits paid. To-date the division has collected \$153,320 versus \$183,000 collected for all of 2005.

Howe reported that there has been a series of legislative meetings held concerning HB315 and its implementation. A series of legislative amendments resolve around three major topics. Those include: injury prevention/insurance issues, personal and criminal liability issues, and animal control/disease prevention issues.

Howe updated the Board concerning the City of Bloomington work session and limiting ownership of specific breeds. This issue has died. Issues being addressed include penalties for non-vaccinated or non-registered dogs.

Mayes reported that all RN positions in the Personal Health Services Division have been filled. She also noted that the current children's dentist, Dr. Caruso, is working 3 full days per week and the waiting list is down to 30 families. Dr. Hume can see emergency patients within the next 2 weeks. Current dental clients over the age of 19 are now considered adults and the reimbursement rate for them up to age 21 is at the 2005 adult rate.

**BOARD ISSUES:** Keller updated the Board that Tom Anderson, Environmental Health Programs Supervisor has been promoted to the Environmental Health Director position following John Hirsch's retirement effective March 31, 2006. John Hendershott, Senior Sanitarian has been promoted to fill the Environmental Health Programs Supervisor position. Keller noted that the division is beginning the replacement process for the Senior Sanitarian position.

**ADJOURN:** Maitland moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.